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Classified By: Deputy Chief of Mission Pamela Slutz, reasons 1.4 (b,d).

- 11. (C) On March 20, PolOff delivered reftel demarche on the designation of al-Shabaab as a terrorist organization to Stella Sokoto, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Political Officer, Americas Desk. Sokoto said she would direct our request that the Government of Kenya consider taking similar actions against al-Shabaab to the President's office.
- ¶2. (C) We will continue to track this issue and provide updates as available. RANNEBERGER